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## THE POLICE AND SALOONS.

Much activity has of late been displayed by the Police Department in causing the arrest of liquor and beer saloon men; the liquor men for selling on Sundays and the beer men for selling other stuffs than what they are entitled to dispose under their license. These arrests may, in a measure, be all right, because it is being done in the line of duty; but the methods employed don't seem right to our way of thinking. It may be argued that without the use of decoys, spies and informers, the police are powerless to prevent infractions against the laws and to break up illicit dealers.

But is it right to trick any saloon man, through a profession of friendship, to accommodate one into selling something not permitted him under his license? Only recently, a member of the detective force sought a native to buy liquor from a beer saloon, by giving the decoy marked coin, but the trick was found out, the scheme failed, and the low trouble maker turned out and was shown about his business. This is one instance of many.

These liquor and beer saloon men, pay a revenue into the Territorial Treasury for the privilege of carrying on their respective lines of watered goods. Being therefore revenue producers, they should be protected. If the police want to display a certain amount of energy, why don't they arrest dispensers of

watered stock under the cloak of providing a club with such goods and by permission of a Federal license for such a privilege? With these clubs paying a revenue to the Federal government, where is the Territory to come off? These clubs provide and dispense liquor and beer, ostensibly to bona fide members only, but it is promiscuously given out.

Visit these clubs at any time, the police will surely find more drunkenness about. As no revenue is derived to the Territory from this source, then where are the beer saloons, who each pay a \$250 license for the privilege, to come off? A good deal of their trade is diverted into the channels of these clubs, under a \$25 Federal license only, the Territory not receiving one cent's worth of revenue. We think the police ought to divert their attention to these clubs than in doing dirty work to entrap Territorial revenue payers to the greater advantage of the Federal revenues. There must be a line of demarcation drawn where virtue ceases to be a virtue in the cause of self-interest and of protection of the rights of citizens.

Most of these clubs are no doubt known to the police. On Sundays there is more drunkenness in close proximity to these out of way clubs. Here's a chance for the police to do something for those who pay a revenue in its own maintenance, while the others do not. If they can stop these places, they will then be doing a great service to themselves, to the Territory, to revenue producers and to the public at large. Now, police, do get a move on and hustle about, even if only to test the rights of all those directly concerned. Suppress these Federal allowed clubs and Territorial beer saloons will survive well and make a living.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Mr Pinkham's success in raising \$500 for the celebration of the Fourth of July is gratifying in the respect that that much money was put up. It is an insignificant sum, however, compared to the \$3,000 to \$5,000 formerly put up for the same event by people who wanted to display their spread eagles for political effect. There isn't half as much inducement to put up money for Fourth of July fireworks now as there was before annexation, is there?

There is about as much enthusiasm in the County Act Commission for the work in hand as there is among the taxpayers. One man attended the last meeting. It is a pity he did not adjourn sine die.

It may be all right for the County Act Commission to adjourn sine die but the people will not adjourn sine die on the proposition upon which that Commission is supposed to be working. The issue is more alive today than ever before and the next Legislature will see that the cause is matured into something tangible.

In place of the Board of Health complaining that it has to get along with only eight inspectors for the city, we think the taxpayers should complain that they have to pay \$700 a month to keep a lot of loafers in positions. Ten years ago and less one old man did the work that is now performed by eight men. At

that time the city contained as many people as now and was infinitely more insanitary. Since then the Marine Hospital Service has taken charge here and now handles the most important of sanitary work—that of keeping out contagious diseases. Yet eight times as many men are still required. The smell of "graft" on the proposition is strong enough to knock a man down.

The failure of attendance by the members of the County Act Commission at the last meeting indicates a lack of interest in the work of the Commission by its members. Just that thing has been the misfortune of the Territory since the County proposition was first broached. The experience of the country has been that either a lot of dynamiters were on the "commission" or a set of unconcerned individuals were made to turn up. It seems to us that the community should be getting about enough of this sort of business, and should send to the Legislature men who will see to it that the will of the people is properly carried out.

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